

F-6-76

Ca. 1840

Shriver-Davis Farm

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-76

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Shriver-Davis Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 16936 Shriver Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ida W. Davis

street & number 16936 Shriver Road telephone no.:

city, town Emmitsburg state and zip code MD. 21727

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 558

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 313

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 165 acres

Quadrangle name Emmitsburg, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 9, Parcel 14

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Shriver-Davis Farm  
Emmitsburg  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,  
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930  
Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Agriculture

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse, pump house, tenant  
house, garage, shed  
Agricultural/Subsistence/storage/silo  
Agricultural/Subsistence/animal facility/ chicken coop, goose  
shed  
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn

Known Design Source: None

### 7.1 Description:

The Shriver-Davis Farm is located down a lane off of Shriver Road in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Maryland. The principal elevation of the main house faces west. The complex contains a smokehouse, a tenant house, a bank barn, a chicken coop, a garage and several sheds.

Constructed circa 1840, the main house is of brick construction, 5:1 common bond, resting on a stone foundation. It is 2 stories with a 5 bay symmetrical facade. The gable roof is covered in slate shingles and has a boxed cornice with cornice returns. There are two interior end brick chimneys.

The main (west) facade has a center door with a transom and is flanked by 1/1 replacement windows. Windows on the second floor are 6/6. All openings have flat wooden lintels. A one story open porch runs the full facade with a dentilled cornice. There are 4 fluted columns with acanthus leaves and dentilled capitals. The east elevation is three bays wide. The first floor has an enclosed porch with a shed roof and turned columns. The second floor has three 6/6 windows.

The south elevation is two symmetrical bays wide with 1/1 windows on the first floor and 6/6 on the second. There are two 4 light attic windows. The north elevation also has two symmetrical bays with the same window treatment as the south elevation.

Several feet from the house, there is a one story german-sided smokehouse resting on a stone foundation. It has a standing seam tin gable roof and a brick chimney. Windows are 6 light fixed. A smaller, brick shed addition extends from the south wall. A wood shed and a pumphouse are also situated close to the house.

A two story frame tenant house on a stone foundation is located several yards to the west of the main house. It is sheathed in german siding and has a gable roof of standing seam tin. There are two interior end brick chimneys. Windows are 6/6 lights. The interior plan has three rooms. In the attic, there is a carved date and name: Frank -aldwell, March 18, 1887. A shed addition, german sided, extends from the west elevation of the building. The building is presently utilized for hay storage.

Agricultural operations include a bank barn with a stone foundation and vertical siding. It is decorated with louvred vent windows and has a standing seam tin roof. Two shed roof additions are attached to the west and east elevations. A cinder block silo is located to the north of the barn. A large shed roofed chicken coop is sheathed in german siding. It has multiple windows on the east elevation. A garage with a gable roof of corrugated tin is also sheathed in german siding. It has 6/6 windows and a panelled door. A vertical sided shed with a corrugated tin gable roof serves as a goose house.

### 8.1 Significance:

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Within its historic context, the Shriver-Davis Farm serves as a good example. Many 2 story, 5 bay brick houses have survived in the county with varying levels of integrity. However, a fewer number are seen within the larger scope of an extensive agricultural complex. The Shriver-Davis Farm is important as representing a dwelling house of this type with a large number of representative outbuildings. The house is also unique in having fluted porch columns with acanthus leaves, a design not evident in any other building in the region.

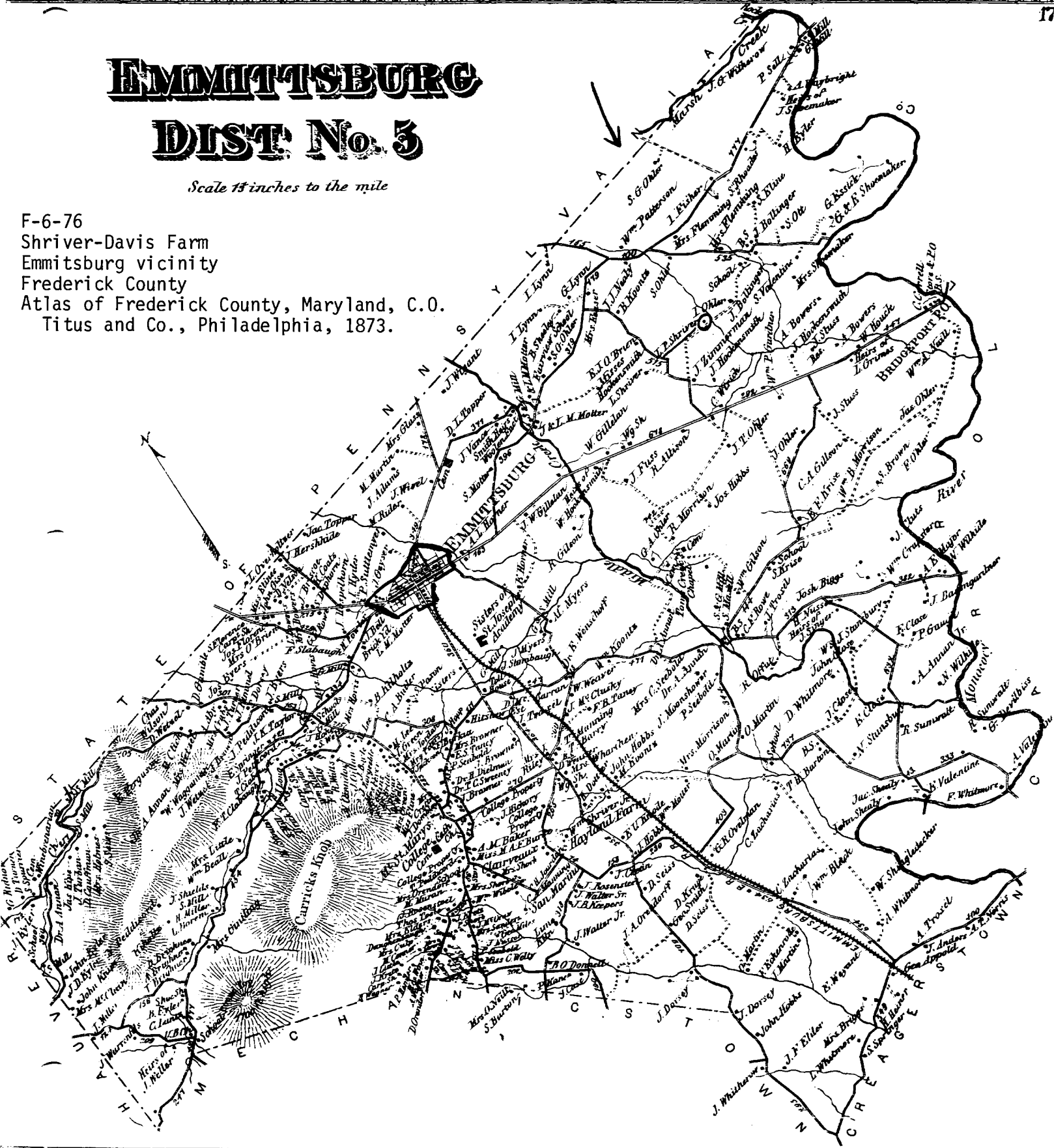
The Shriver-Davis House was owned by L.P. Shriver between 1858 and 1873. The present owners, the Davises, have resided on the property for 45 years.

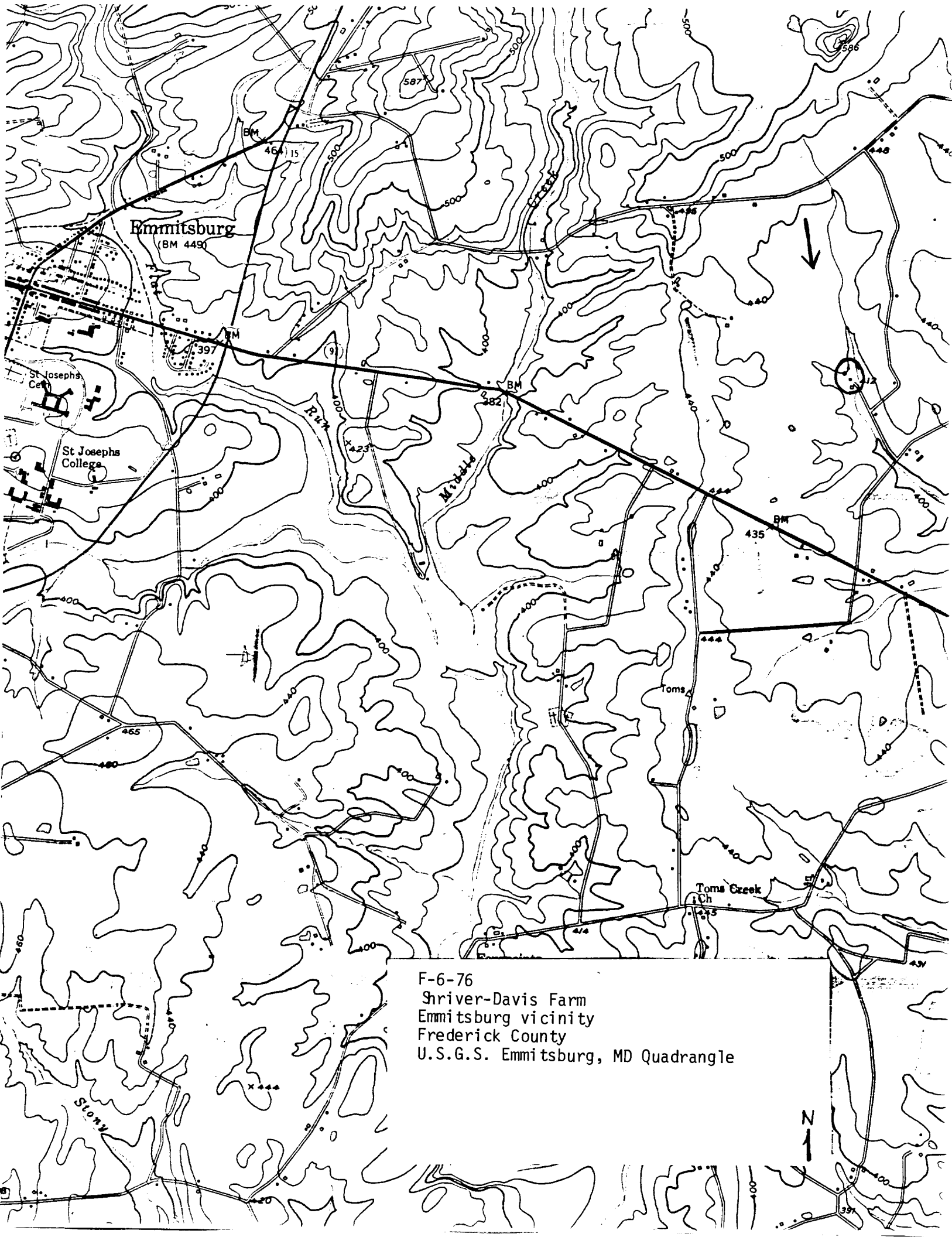


# DIST. No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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U.S.G.S. Emmitsburg, MD Quadrangle



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west elevation

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East elevation

2/4



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Tenant House - East Elevation

3/4





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Shriver Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

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Neg. Loc: MHT

Agri-Bldgs - looking north

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